

**Remarks/Arguments**

Claims 7-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 have been amended. Also, claims 15-19 have been presented herewith. Claims 1-6 have been canceled.

Also by this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been revised to identify the parent application.

Also, enclosed are five (5) sheets of red-inked Annotated Marked-up Drawings. In Fig. 1A, the cross-sectional line has been denoted as "1B-1B". In Fig. 5B, the cross-sectional line has been denoted as "5C-5C". In Fig. 7, the resin has been denoted as "11", as supported on page 22, lines 13-14 of the application. Figs. 10 and 11 have been denoted as "PRIOR ART". The formal drawings as provided along with this application incorporate the drawing corrections therein.

Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

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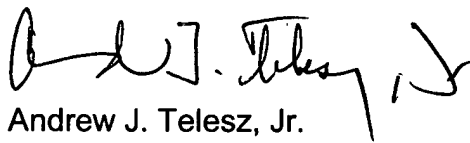
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Preliminary Amendment dated September 10, 2003

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Telesz, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosures: Five (5) sheets of Annotated Marked-up Drawings